

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

☒ This communication is responsive to the Paper filed 19 May 2004.

☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 26, 29-32, 34, 37-40, 42, 44-46 and 50.

☒ The drawings filed on 19 May 2004 are accepted by the Examiner.

☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:

1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.

3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.

☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.

(a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached

1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.

(b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).

☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)

☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)

☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
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☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material

5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)

6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____.

7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment

8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

9. ☐ Other _____.

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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Joseph Baker on 2 June 2004.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the claims

Cancel claims 47-49 and 51-79.

Amend claims 42, 46 and 50 as follows:

42. (Currently Amended) The *D. melanogaster* of claim 26, wherein the *Drosophila* further comprises a marker sequence inserted into its genomic DNA, wherein the marker is located adjacent to a gene selected from the group consisting of a HDJI gene, a TPR2 gene, and a MLF gene in the ~~animal~~ *Drosophila*, and wherein the marker sequence comprises an inducible upstream activating sequence, a minimal promoter sequence and 5' and 3' transposon elements containing terminal inverted repeats.

46. (Currently Amended) The *D. melanogaster* of claim 42, wherein the marker sequence is ~~near~~ adjacent to an MLF gene.

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50. (Previously Presented) A method of producing a transgenic *D. melanogaster* characterized by suppressed-polyglutamine toxicity comprising:

(a) transforming a *D. melanogaster* embryo or fertilized egg with a transgene comprising a plurality of CAA and CAG sequences encoding a polyglutamine sequence operably linked to a constitutive, regulatable, or tissue specific expression control element, wherein the tissue specific expression control element is selected from the group consisting of Appl, rhodopsin 1 promoter, and GLASS transcription factor element and

(b) selecting a *D. melanogaster* that exhibits polyglutamine toxicity.

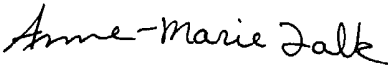
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Daniel M Sullivan whose telephone number is 571-272-0779.

The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday 6:30-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Remy Yucel, Ph.D. can be reached on 571-272-0781. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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